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## Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP05/01644 01/26/2005  
 which claims benefit of 60/543,400 02/11/2004

## Foreign Applications

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**If Required, Foreign Filing License Granted:** 04/19/2007

The country code and number of your priority application, to be used for filing abroad under the Paris Convention, is **US10/588,086**

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**Non-Publication Request:** No

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**Title**

Method for stabilizing oil-based thickening gel composition

**Preliminary Class**

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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
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Whereas,

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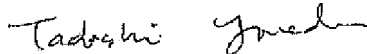
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